
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 21, 1870.

Mr. RICE asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To amend the laws regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That if any white man shall commit the crime of rape upon
4 the person of an Indian woman, or if any Indian shall com-
5 mit the crime of rape upon the person of a white woman,
6 within the Indian country; or if any such person or persons
7 shall commit the crime of robbery within such country; every
8 person so offending shall, upon, conviction thereof, be pun-
9 ished by confinement in the penitentiary for a period not ex-
10 ceeding twenty years.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing in the
2 said act of June thirty, eighty hundred and thirty-four, or
3 any of the amendments thereto, shall be so construed as to
4 punish any offense committed in any of the United States by

5 a white, upon or against the person or property of an Indian,
6 or wherein an Indian may be concerned, unless such offense
7 would be a crime or misdemeanor against the laws of the
8 United States, if committed by a white man upon or against
9 the person or property of another white man, or wherein
10 another white man was concerned.

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